

THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

Gordonsville, Va., Dec. 10, 1900. To The Colored American: Please find enclosed an order for \$2 for your noble paper. Always continue it.

E. S. J.

ALWAYS BE ABLE.

Editor Colored American, Dear Sir: Enclosed please find check for \$2 on account of subscription for The Colored American. I trust I may for all time be able to support your excellent journal.

Very respectfully, J. B. D.

SUCCESS TO THE COLORED AMERICAN

New Orleans, La., Dec. 17. Editor The Colored American: Enclosed please find check for \$2. Collect and credit to my subscription. With best wishes for yourself and family and success of The Colored American,

J. L.

THE ONLY GREAT ONE.

Mr. Fred. L. McGhee, attorney and one of the most successful and prominent Afro-Americans in Minnesota, in closing a letter to us after paying his subscription, says, "I will be in your city on the 28th and will surely see the editor of the only great race paper before leaving."

FROM A FOREIGN PORT.

Vancouver, B. C., The Colored American, D. C.: Please send me your paper from January 1, 1901. I was one of your earliest subscribers to The Freeman of Indianapolis when you owned it, but I must say The American is better.

Yours truly, C. J. W.

UGHT TO BE READ BY ALL.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 10, 1900. Manager of The Colored American: You will find enclosed \$2 for one year ending next May. I will try and get you some subscribers because the paper is worthy and ought to be read by all Negroes.

M. R. W.

THE LEADING COLORED JOURNAL IN AMERICA

Newberry, S. C., Nov. 11. Editor Colored American: Find enclosed an order for \$2, subscription to the leading colored journal in America. Long may it live to espouse the interests of the race, and give its readers wholesome food.

Yours truly, R. W. M.

AFFORDS MUCH NEWS.

Butte Mont Nov. 15th, 1900.

Mr. Cooper: Enclosed you will find \$2 for one years subscription. I am unable to express my very high appreciation of The Colored American which affords so much news of interest concerning the colored people. I think The Colored American was one of the strongest supporters of McKinley's administration and venture to say that I believe it did more toward converting the timid colored voters than any other journal that was placed before the people.

Yours truly, J. C.

THE COLORED AMERICAN A TREASURE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14, 1900. The Colored American, Washington, D. C.: I enclose you a check for \$4, subscription in full from Sept. 20th, 1898, to Sept. 20th, 1900. Of course, I want it to run on and shall remit. I find The American indispensable. It stands in the van guard of up to date, progressive, aggressive, newsy and bright journalism. To the busy man, to the student, who desires to keep abreast of the times and thoroughly informed on race interests, and happenings, The American is a treasure, and a mint of information. Its editorial page, fairly teems with acute and comprehensive discussion of material and current questions. It is a pleasure to me to add my tribute to those of thousands, touching your wonderful and valuable journal.

Yours for the race, A. B. White.

LIGHT FROM THE DARK CONTINENT. AN INTERESTING LETTER.

The Colored American, Washington, D. C. My dear Mr. Cooper: By a peculiar coincidence although, not in my opinion, an unfitting one, the very first copy of an Afro-American paper, I saw on landing in this colony was The Colored American. Through the good offices of a prominent white citizen of Cape Town I was enabled to-day to see a copy of the 15th of September containing among other valuable contributions several very interesting articles from my esteemed friend, John E. Bruce. It appears that the gentleman in question is an admirer of The American which he regards as being equal to any newspaper published in Cape Town Colony. A judicious blending of race pride with the truth however, inspired me to assert that it was better.

I selected one article in the issue under the caption, "Hope for the Negro." I averred that for depth of thought, logic without redundancy and lucidity of expression, it excelled any thing in the copies of The Times or Argus, the two most influ-

ential papers here. He admitted the corn.

I arrived here in Sable Bay on the 2nd inst., but the presence of a large number of troop ships in the docks, rendered my disembarking impossible till two days ago. Perhaps that on your receipt of this letter, the Anglo-Boer war may be over! Then again, it may not, for if there is any where in God's creation, a stupid, bull-headed, tenacious fellow and one not at all disposed to cry "peccavi," it is the Boer. He appears to be determined to make up in an irregular, unsystematic and vexatious guerrilla warfare what he has lost in the regular way, and in my humble opinion the end is not in sight, although of course the threat to issue a proclamation by the British authorities, ordering the belligerents to lay down their arms on pain of being treated as rebels, may precipitate matters. I am as you will observe connected with an educational institution. My position, and the only one I would accept, is such as leaves me free and untrammelled. I have time for other activities.

T. Z. S.

Cape Town, S. A.

THE LINDEN AND HAREWOOD FLATS

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Mr. Banes the real estate dealer has erected two of the most modern flats in Washington situated in Le Droit Park. The situation of these flats is an ideal one, on Third street, two doors from the Fourth street car line. The finish of the flats is elegant, and they have a prepossessing appearance. They are three stories high, and each floor has three flats of four rooms each and bath. The whole flat is heated by steam, thus saving the necessary expense of buying fuel. Each flat has a parlor, dining room, bed room, kitchen and bath room and private hall rooms, and halls are heated by steam. The kitchens have a modern gas range, hot and cold water, cupboards, pantry attachment. These flats are no doubt, the best in the city. Persons having a large family can easily rent two adjoining flats saving the enormous rent of an entire house. They are thoroughly and artistically finished. The walls are papered and frescoed, and glasses of a large size, supported by a modern mantel piece are in each parlor. Le Droit Park has become a pleasant part of Washington in which to reside and these beautiful flats are a happy addition to the residences there. Mr. Banes has spared no pains in making these flats comfortable and inviting and already applications are being made for rentals thereof. Colored people with first class reference who desire a beautiful part of the city in which to live, and at the same time occupy comfortable and improved apartments, without renting a whole house, and paying high rent, can find a happy medium in these flats. The terms are easy. The buildings are open daily for inspection. For further information call at the office of Mr. Charles E. Banes, corner 14th and G sts. n. w.

The Hour and the Man.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

Shortly before 10 o'clock p. m. Dec. 31, 1900, a shaggy-haired man with a large red nose and a large red mouth stationed himself at a prominent corner down town and proceeded to harangue the crowd passing by.

"We are standing, my fellow-citizens," he said in a powerful voice, "at a momentous period of the world's history! This is the last minute of the last hour of the last day of the last month of the last month of the last

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year of the last century many of us will ever—"

A big snowball took him in the mouth, the clock in a neighboring tower struck 12, and he passed sputtering and swearing into the twentieth century.

His Greeting.

(From The Argonaut.)

The other day a newly-appointed warden was taken by the prison chaplain into the chapel, where the prisoners were assembled in a body. The chaplain presented him to the company with the remark that he would say a few words. The warden was a bashful man and unaccustomed to speech-making. He stammered, stuttered, blushed, and faltered: "Ladies and—er—er—no—no—gentle—that is, men and fellow-prisoners—er—I can't make a speech. I don't know how to make a speech. In fact, all—er—all I can say is—er—that I am very glad indeed to see so many of you here!"

A woman who will admit that her husband is the only man who ever proposed to her is as rare as a man who will confess that he doesn't know how to play poker.

THE NEGRO IN THE WEST A FACTOR

In Race Development—Drawing Big Pay For his Services in the Woolly West.

Mr. Robert Pelham, jr., mention of whom was made in the last issue of The Colored American, does not desire to be quoted as saying: "The chances for the Negro to secure paying employment in the West are superior to the chances afforded him in the South," but rather that "the Western section is a great field in which the Afro-American of push can find not only great opportunities but a better environment than obtains in the most conservative section of the South. That the Negro missed a golden opportunity to better his condition in not availing himself of the homestead and other beneficial government land laws during the past thirty years."

The 1749 Afro-Americans employed in the five packing houses in Chicago and Kansas City mentioned, draw nearly \$900,000 instead of \$400,000 per annum. Mr. Pelham has consented to read his paper "The Negro in the West—A Factor in Race Development," again next Sunday, Jan. 6, at 3 p. m., before the Congressional Lyceum, at Lincoln Memorial church, cor. 11 and R sts. n. w.